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Session 3

The Summer Reading Challenge



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Tonight's Outline

- Welcome Activities (2 min)
- Reading Discussion (30 min)
- Video (20 min)
- Video Discussion (10 min)
- This Coming Week's Reading
- Closing Prayer



Welcome Activities

- Opening Prayer

Reading Discussion

- What were the five main sacrifices described in Leviticus?
 - The Burnt Offering (Lev. 1)
 - The Grain Offering (Lev. 2)
 - The Fellowship Offering (Lev. 3)
 - The Sin Offering (Lev. 4)
 - The Guilt Offering (Lev. 5)

Reading Discussion (cont.)

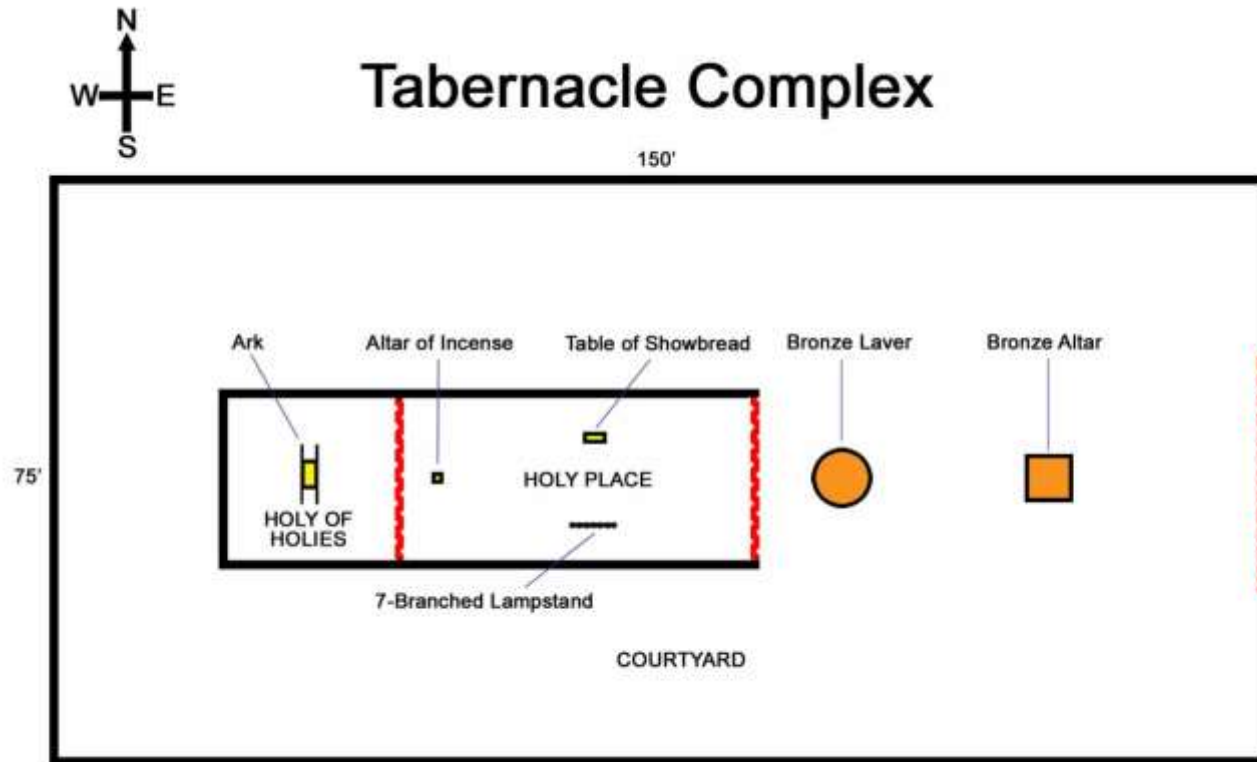
- On scrap paper – write the letters ‘A’, ‘B’, and ‘D’
- Make as many words as you can with those letters
- How many words did you get?
- Is that all we can spell?
- What about ‘experience’, ‘honor’, ‘Lord’?

Reading Discussion (cont.)

- Limited because we know only a subset of the alphabet.
- We can spell only a handful of words.
- With 26 letters, we can spell hundreds of thousands of words.
- Think about this in terms of how much of the Bible you knew, versus what you will know.

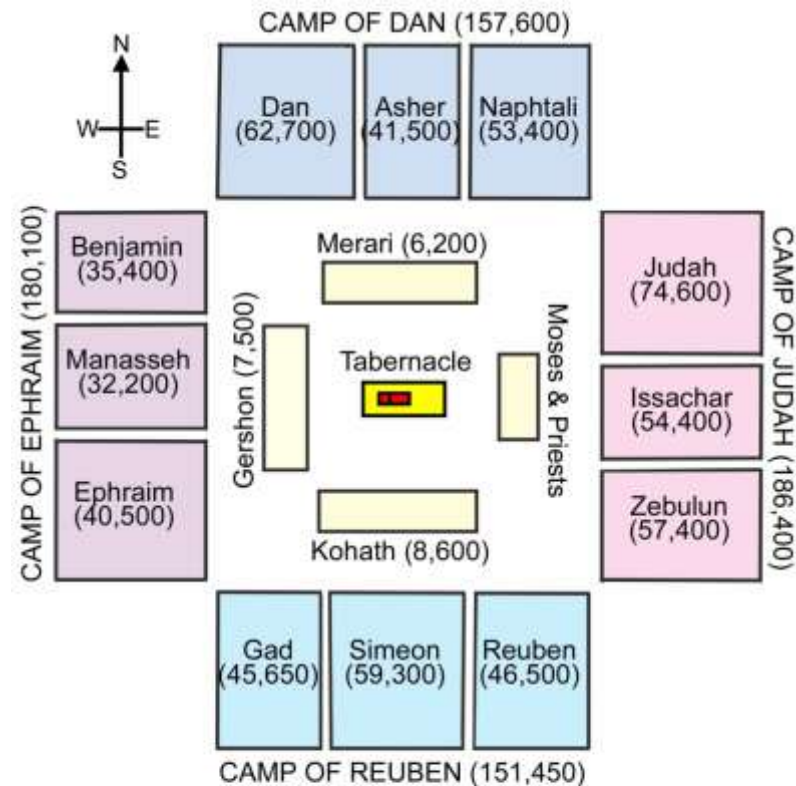
Reading Discussion (cont.)

- Layout of the Tabernacle:



Reading Discussion (cont.)

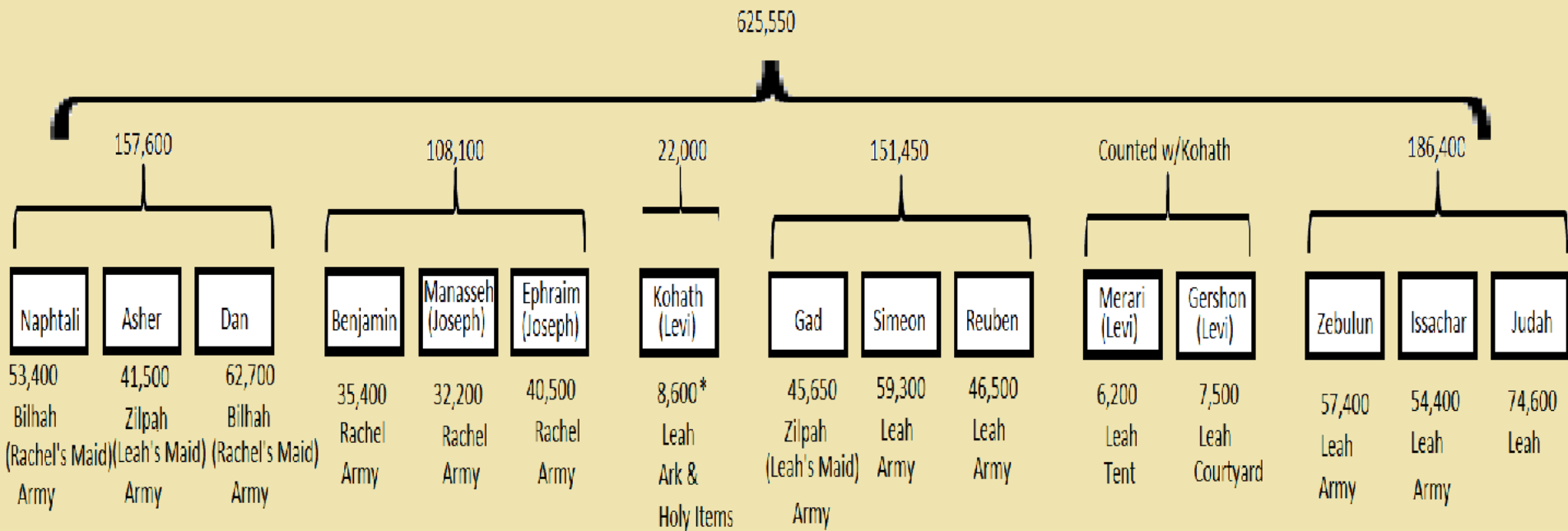
- Layout of the Camp:



Arrangement of the Camp of Israel
 Numbers 2:1-3:39

Reading Discussion (cont.)

- Order of March:



Direction of March

Order of March - Numbers 10:14-28

*Transcription error? 8300

Tribe Counts - Numbers 1

Regimental Counts - Numbers 2

Levite Counts & Jobs - Numbers 3

Tribal Mothers - Genesis 35:22b - 26

Reading Discussion (cont.)



- Size of Army:

Flag	State	Active military	Reserve military	Paramilitary	Total	Total per 1000 capita	Active per 1000 capita	Active Rank	Reserve Rank	Total Rank
	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1,106,000	8,200,000	189,000	9,495,000	386.7	45	4	1	1
	People's Republic of China	2,285,000	800,000	3,969,000	7,054,000	5.2	1.7	1	12	2
	Vietnam	455,000	5,000,000	40,000	5,495,000	62	5.1	11	2	3
	Republic of Korea	687,000	1,000,000	3,500,000	5,187,000	103.6	13.7	6	9	4
	India	1,325,000	2,142,821	1,300,586	4,768,407	3.9	1.1	3	4	5
	Bangladesh	280,000	2,400,000	1,100,000	3,780,000	24.2	1.8	19	3	6
	Russian Federation	766,000	2,035,000	449,000	3,250,000	22.7	5.3	5	5	7
	Iran	523,000	350,000	1,510,000	2,383,000	35.9	7.9	9	23	8
	United States of America	1,429,995	850,880	11,035	2,291,910	7.3	4.5	2	11	9
	Brazil	327,710	1,340,000	395,000	2,062,710	10.4	1.6	15	7	10
	Israel	176,500	445,000	7,650	629,150	79.2	22.2	34	17	23
	Israel (Ancient)	603,550	0	0	603,550	?	?	9	?	24

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_number_of_military_and_paramilitary_personnel

Reading Discussion (cont.)

- What's your reaction to God when he killed Nadab and Abihu? (Lev. 10:1-3)
- What surprised you in the list of “don'ts” in Leviticus 20?
- What did you like about 'The Priestly Blessing' (Num. 6:22-26)

Reading Discussion (cont.)

- What do you learn from the story of the spies? (Num. 13-14)
- Have any donkeys spoken to you lately? (Num. 22:28, 30)
- Awesome parenting and leadership skills in Deut. 6:4-9. What are your best practices?
- Any fresh ideas of things you can tithe? (Deut 14:22-28)

Things That Make You Go Hmmm....

- Tabernacle made of Porpoise Skins? (badger, seal, dugong, giraffe?) (Ex. 25:5)
- How do you sin unintentionally? (Lev. 4:3, 13, 22, 27)
- How did daily tasks, which would have made you unclean, get done? Butchering, tanning leather, healing, burying the dead? (Lev. 5)
- How do you find a sacrificial animal without defect? What constitutes a defect?

Things That Make You Go Hmmm.... (cont.)

- Why blood on the right earlobe, right thumb and right big toe? (Lev. 8:23-24)
- Once you slaughter an animal, doesn't touching it (a dead animal) make you unclean?
- Does the instruction not to drink wine or fermented drink in 10:9 mean that Nadab and Abihu were drunk? (Lev. 10)

Things That Make You Go Hmmm.... (cont.)

- How does the priest inspect disease without becoming unclean himself? (Lev. 13)
- What do you think about the rule of jealousy? (Num. 5:11-30)
- Remember the Nazirite instructions when you read about Samson (Num. 6)

Things That Make You Go Hmmm.... (cont.)

- What about the leadership offerings? Lots of gold, silver and animals... (Num. 7)
- Grapes so big – had to be carried by 2 men? (Num 13:23)

Things That Make You Go Hmmm.... (cont.)

- Here's one for you conspiracy nuts – Nephilim = giants = sons of the fallen angels (Gen. 6:4, Num. 13:33)
- Does that mean Goliath was a Nephilim?

Video

- Our video teacher is Dr. John Walton



- Professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois

Video Discussion

- Thoughts?
- Questions?
- Observations?
- Comments?

This Coming Week's Reading



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- Deut. 23 thru 1 Sam. 27
- Pay attention to the following characters and how they interacted with God and how faithful they are to God's will:
 - Joshua: Joshua and Rahab
 - Judges: Deborah, Gideon and Samson
 - Ruth: Ruth, Naomi and Boaz
 - 1 Samuel: Samuel, Saul and David

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)



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- If you get behind, spend time on Saturday/Sunday for catch up.

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)

- Good to know:
 - Dominant theme of Lev.: Holiness
 - “holy” appears more times in Lev. than in any other Bible book
 - In 9 chapters of Lev. God says “I am the LORD” 47 times.
 - Requirement for cleanliness and perfection – fulfilled in Jesus

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)

- Good to know:
 - Same Hebrew word for “international treaty” is also used for a covenant between God and His people. (Handbook, 210)
 - The Sinai covenant – key to Israel becoming a nation.
 - Followed the covenants with Noah and Abraham.

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)

- Intro to Joshua
- Moses' former assistant becomes leader of the nation of Israel.
- The book celebrates the many victories that God brings to the Israelites under Joshua's leadership.
- Failure of the people to follow completely God's plans plants the seeds for future failure.

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)

- Intro to Judges
- This book clearly delineates the impact of leaders who follow God from those who do not.
- Some of the favorite Biblical personalities from children's Sunday school are found here: Deborah, Gideon and Samson.

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)

- Intro to Ruth
- Ruth's story of faithfulness is remarkable in its own right, made more so considering she was from Moab, a nation considered an enemy of Israel.
- Ruth and Boaz are ancestors of Christ.

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)

- Intro to 1 Samuel
- Samuel is not only a priest, prophet and judge, but a kingmaker.
- At God's behest, Samuel anoints Saul the first king of Israel after the people call for a king.
- God later directs Samuel to anoint Saul's successor, David, which sets up a series of conflicts between Saul and David.



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